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It's Here... E-Scrap is Friday, June 13!!!

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E-Scrap Drop Off Times

Friday, June 13, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (tire pressure check available)
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (tire pressure check available)
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (no tire check)

FAC Spotlight: Kentucky River Locks 1 & 2 Under Construction

Once completed boats can go from Frankfort to Ohio River

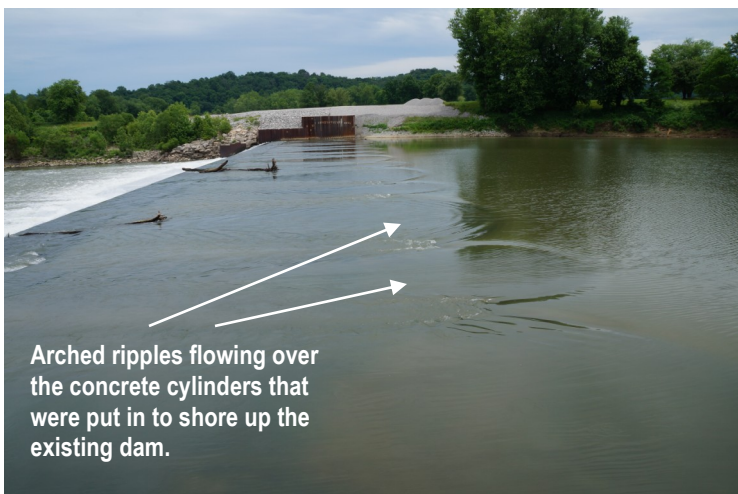
According to Jerry Graves, executive director of the Kentucky River Authority, he couldn't ask for a better job—it's a perfect fit for him as he's long lived along the Kentucky river.

He's also excited about all the work the River Authority currently has underway and what's been accomplished over the last several years.

Locks 3 (Monterey) and 4 (Frankfort) underwent major renovations in 2012 and opened once again to boat traffic in May 2013. Two weeks ago, renovation work started on Locks 1 (Carrollton) and 2 (Lockport).

"These are some massive projects that require incredible engineering and attention to detail," said Graves. "It's also dangerous work, so we are happy to be working with some of the best contractors in the business."

The scope of work entails shoring up pulling the lock gates, refurbishing and painting them along with other related work. In 2009, the Monterey dam was reinforced with concrete cylinders that are 56' in diameter.



Arched ripples flowing over the concrete cylinders that were put in to shore up the existing dam.

Each lock undergoes a thorough cleaning out of sediment at the bottom and clearing of brush and barnacle-type organisms that adhere to the sides of the locks. That means divers who can barely see in front of their masks are working up close and personal with nature's creatures.

Jeremy Fry with Specialty Underwater Services said it's an interesting job. "When you're down there you can run in to all sorts of creatures—like a nest of snakes that don't like to be disturbed—it's all in a day's work."

The locks themselves are incredible structures Graves pointed out. Started in the 1830s, the first eight locks are masonry construction with hand-hewn limestone blocks. These are still the foundation for the locks today and people can see the quality and the artistry of the craftsmen.



Hand-hewn limestone blocks form the lock.

Once work on Locks 1 and 2 is completed later this summer, the Kentucky River will be open to boat traffic from Frankfort to the Ohio River, which is 64 miles.

Another project that hopefully will begin soon is refurbishing the lockmaster's home at Lock and Dam 4, which will become KRA's main office.

"The River Authority is making tremendous headway in restoring the Kentucky River to its former glory," said Graves. "The support of the board members, the general assembly, the Governor and many more organizations is important as we continue to move forward."

The Kentucky River Authority's six-year plan calls for a new dam and lock refurbishing at #10.

Special Offer Upgrade Home Computer with Microsoft Office Professional 2013



Microsoft is offering Kentucky state employees the opportunity to upgrade their home computer with Microsoft Office Professional 2013 for only \$9.95.

Employees of a state agency that pays for computers through COT (DT10 or DT20), are eligible for this offer. **The code is D7D6013411.**

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Questions can be directed to the Commonwealth Service Desk.

Reminder: EEO Surveys Due by COB, June 16

Each division and office is required to complete the EEO survey and return it in electronic form as well as hardcopy by close of business on Monday, June 16.

The survey looks at such things as complaint processing, handling accommodation requests, recruiting, hiring & selection, training, dispute resolution and new employee orientation. Responses regarding your **current** practices will enable EEOCC to establish a baseline.

Dewey Blevins Named New Director of Surplus Properties

Dewey Blevins was recently named Director of Surplus Properties in the Dept. for Facilities and Support Services. He brings a myriad of experience to that position having worked previously in the Div. of Mechanical Services and the Justice and Health and Family Services Cabinets. In all he has more than 20 years experience in facilities management.



Blevins has been involved with all aspects of facilities management during his career and is happy to serve in this new capacity. "I look forward to this new opportunity and look forward to working with everyone in Surplus Properties," he said.

Active in his community, Blevins has served several community roles such as president of the West Liberty Rotary Club, chairman of KCCD, member of the Morgan County Quarterback Club. He's also been involved with several youth sports such as youth league football and baseball. He is a member of West Liberty Christian Church. Dewey and his wife Kim have three children, one grandchild and reside in West Liberty.

In Memoriam David Rose 1956—2014

The Dept. for Facilities and Support Services lost one of their own suddenly last Friday. David Rose was a finish carpenter at the Thomas D. Clark Kentucky History Center.



David is survived by his wife of 19 years, Laura Welsh Rose; five children, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three siblings, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to David's family.



L-R: Sec. Flanery and Jerry Graves listen to Jeremy Fry about work the divers had done. David Hamilton, KRA, looks at Lock # 2, Lockport.